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REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF CORRECTED PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.322(b)

The above-identified patent issued on December 13, 2005 with numerous printing errors, and with incorrect drawings. Accordingly, the patentee filed, on January 18, 2006, a sixty-nine (69) page "Request For Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.322" to correct errors that were the fault of the Patent Office. In response, the Patent Office issued a certificate of correction on May 9, 2006 ("the May 9th certificate"), a copy of which is attached. The certificate of correction included the correct drawings and corrections to printing errors in both the specification and the claims.

The May 9th certificate introduced new errors, which were the fault of the Patent Office.

Accordingly, the patentee filed, on May 10, 2006, a request to correct errors in the May 9th

Certificate. In response, the Patent Office issued a certificate of correction on February 13, 2007

("the February 13th certificate"), which supersedes the May 9th certificate.

The February 13th certificate is nine pages long, including the correct (replacement) drawings. The issued patent, however, still includes the incorrect drawings (from an unrelated patent) with which the patent was originally published on December 13, 2005. Accordingly,

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although a certificate of correction has already issued, the patentee believes that the extent and nature of the errors in the published patent are such that a certificate of correction constitutes an inappropriate, and insufficient, way to correct the patent. For example, the continued presence of the incorrect drawings in the issued patent may lead to confusion on the part of a party attempting to practice the invention(s) described therein.

Accordingly, the patentee respectfully requests that U.S. Patent No. 6,976,008 be republished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.322(b). Although no fee is believed to be due for republishing since the mistakes were the fault of the Patent Office, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary for reprinting to deposit account 06-1050.

A new Power of Attorney, signed by the patentee, is enclosed.

The patentee's undersigned attorney can be reached at the address shown below. All telephone calls should be directed to the undersigned at 617-521-7896.

Respectfully submitted,

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Line 61, "vendor e" should read - vendor, e -.

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Column 21,

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Column 22.

Line 4, "have to" should read -- have agreed to --.

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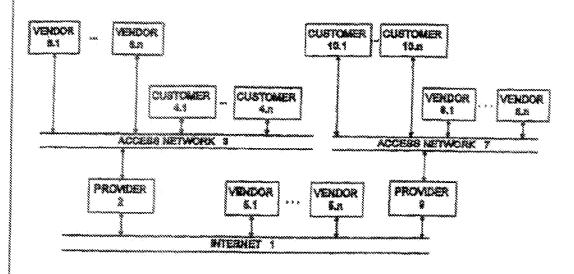
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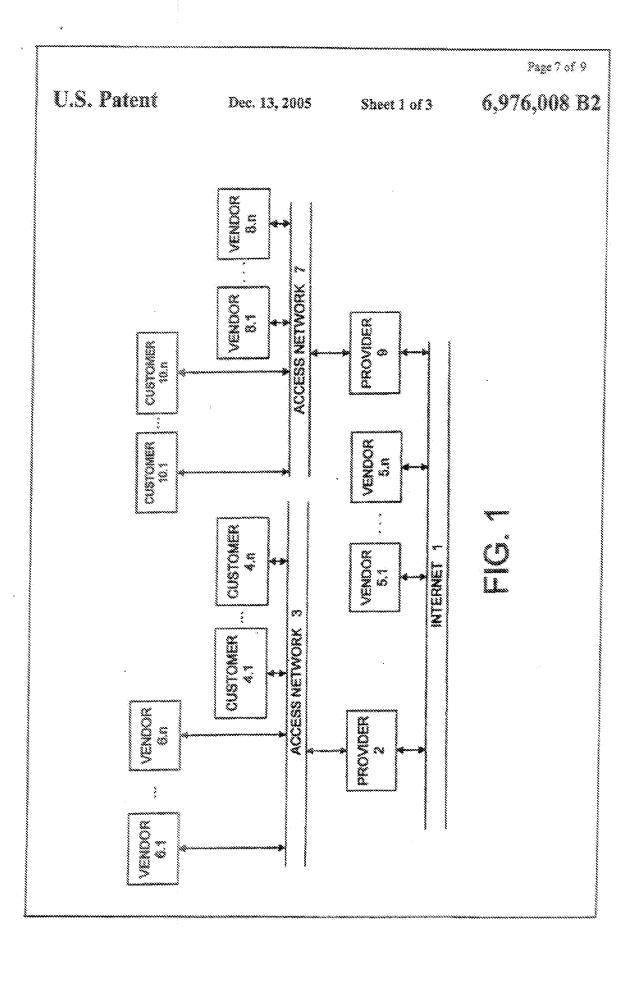
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(57) ABSTRACT

An Insured billing method comprises establishing an agreemost between as interest access provider and a customer, and an afternoon parameter the interest recover heavilles and a results, wherein the internet access provider agrees with the customer and the vendor to bill the continuer and result to the vendor for products and services provinced over the internet by the customer from the weeder. The provider creates access to the Internet for the customer. When the customer orders a product or service over the internet from a worder, transactional information transmitted between the customer and the weather is also irresemined to the provider. The provider thee bills the transaction amount to the onetomer and remits a portion of the transaction amount to the vendue, keeping the differential as a fee for providing the service. As a result of this mathod, there is no need for any customer account numbers or vendor account numbers to be transmitted over the intercet, thereby maintaining the security of that information.

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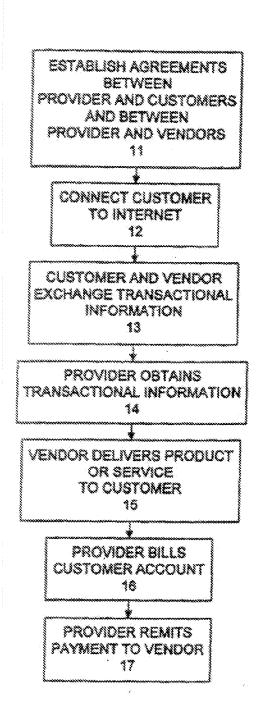


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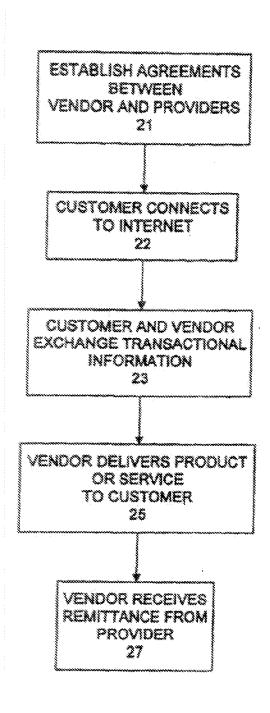


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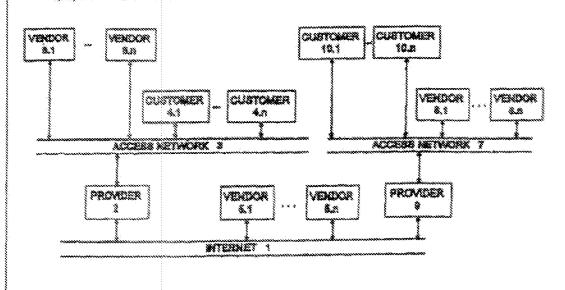
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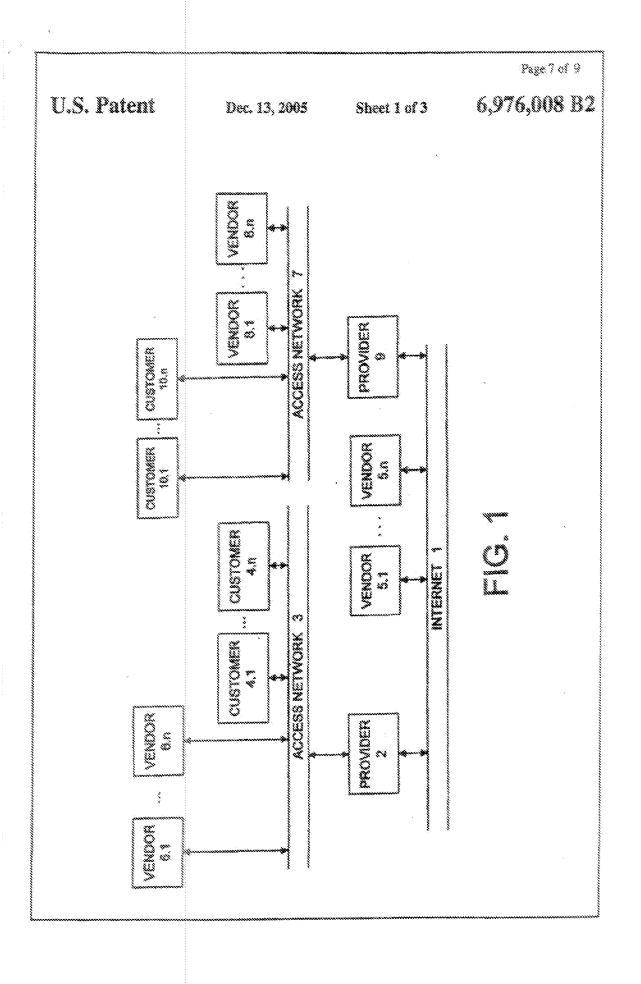
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ABSTRACT

An internet billing method comprises establishing as surremont perween in founder scores knowings and a unsumer. and an agreement between the interest access provider and a vendor, wherein the internet scores provider agrees with the customer and the remier to bill the pustomer and remit to the vacator for products and services promises at over the interpet by the customer from the vendue. The provider creates sooms to the laterest for the customer. When the customer orders a product or service over the internet from a vendor, transactional information transmitted between the customer and the vendor is also branchined to the provider. The provider then bills the transaction amount to the customer and remiks a portion of the transaction actions to the vencios, keeping the differential as a fee for providing the service. As a result of this method, there is no oscal for any continues account manders or vender account manders to be transmitted over the interest, thereby maintaining the servnity of that information.

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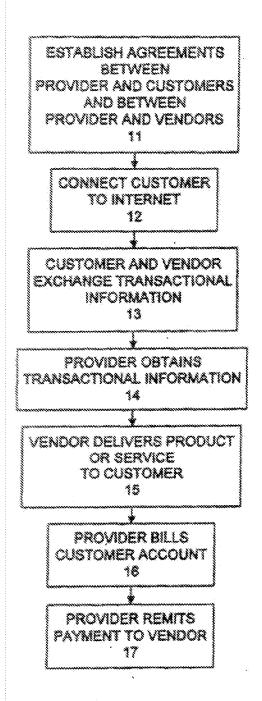


FIG. 2